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ARMY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL BOARD MEETS

The fifth annual meeting of the Army Epidemiological Board was held this month on April 26 and 27 at the Office of The Surgeon General. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Francis G. Blake, Dean of the Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn., who is Civilian Consultant to the Secretary of War and President of the Board. Activities during the past year were reviewed and plans outlined for the coming year.

The Epidemiological Board is administered by the Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General. It consists of a Central Board and ten Commissions: on Acute Respiratory Diseases, Air-Borne Infections, Epidemiological Survey, Hemolytic Streptococcal Infections, Influenza, Measles and Mumps, Meningococcal Meningitis, Neurotropic Virus Diseases, Pneumonia, and Tropical Diseases. The work of these Commissions, however, is not limited to the field indicated by the name but is authorized according to opportunities, facilities and specialties of members.

During the past year extensive epidemiological investigations have been conducted in this country and in several theaters of operations overseas. This work has not only proved of practical value to the Army but has materially increased the fundamental scientific knowledge of the causes and control of infectious diseases among the civilian as well as the military population.

Graphics Consultant to Surgeon General

Mr. T. S. Ferree, Jr., graphics director for the Venereal Disease Education Institute at Raleigh, N.C., has been detailed to the Office of The Surgeon General as Civilian Consultant for the Health Education Unit, Preventive Medicine Service, to assist in designing posters, booklets, match book covers, etc., which are to be used for the health education of troops in the field.

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ARMY MEDICAL LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS

The Army Medical Library has appointed Mr. Wyllis Eaton Wright of New York City as The Librarian (a newly created Civil Service position), and Miss M. Ruth MacDonald of Detroit, Mich., as Chief of the Catalog Division and Head Cataloger, according to the Office of The Surgeon General.

Mr. Wright has been associated with the New York Public Library since 1927, for the past nine years as Chief Cataloger. For three years he was Librarian at the American Academy in Rome. He was also Assistant in the library of Williams College from which he was graduated in Arts and took his master's degree in 1926. He is the author of a number of works connected with cataloging and the history of cataloging; has been President of the New York Library Club; and has served on many committees of the American Library Association, including the Committee on Aid to Libraries in War Areas, of which he is now Chairman.

Miss MacDonald, who is one of the outstanding cataloging administrators in the country, was Head Cataloger at the Detroit Public Library. She was graduated in Arts and Library Science from the University of Washington in her native state of Washington. She then held the successive positions of Assistant Librarian and Cataloger at Reed College, Assistant Cataloger at Columbia University, and Cataloger at the Public Library at Seattle, Washington. She was associated with the University of Idaho library for four years, and was Cataloging Librarian at the University of Washington.

DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY HONORS GEN. IRELAND

Major General Merritte Weber Ireland, USA, retired, who modernized the Army Medical Department when he became Surgeon General after World War I, received his second honor of the year this month: a citation awarded by the Medical Society of the District of Columbia for distinguished services to humanity and military medicine.

The ceremony was attended by the present Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk, USA, distinguished medical officers from the Army, Navy and Public Health Service, and other prominent physicians and scientists.

General Ireland, who was born 78 years ago in Columbia City, Ind., was graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine in 1890, served as Chief Surgeon of the AEF in France during World War I, and as Surgeon General of the U. S. Army from 1918 to 1931.

Previous honors accorded him include the William Freeman Snow Medal, the U. S. Distinguished Service Medal, Companion of the Order of the Bath (Great Britain), Commander of the Legion of Honor (France), the Serbian Red Cross Silver Medal and the Polish Polonia Restituta.

In accepting his newest award, General Ireland urged his associates to seek longer internships for young medical graduates.

Gen. Morgan Returns

Brigadier General Hugh J. Morgan, Director of the Medical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, returned this month from overseas after ten weeks of duty in the European and Mediterranean theaters of operations where he has been inspecting medical installations and conferring on medical problems pertinent to those theaters.

NEW ARMY GUIDE FOR INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

The Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, has announced the publication of a new manual prepared by the Occupational Health Division designed to serve as a guide in standardizing the medical program of dispensaries in Army industrial installations. It is listed as ASF Manual M210 and is entitled, "Operating Procedures for Industrial Dispensaries."

The foreword points out that an industrial medical program has as its mission not only emergency medical and surgical treatment but also the reduction of absenteeism through a well rounded preventive medicine program. The manual then takes up in detail such topics as, "Organization," "Industrial Hygiene Engineering Service," "Relationship with Civilian Personnel Department," "Preventive Medicine Program and Job Assignment," "Emergency Medical and Surgical Care," "Employees Returning from Sick Leave," "Records and Reports," and "Industrial Dispensary Buildings."

The new manual has already been acclaimed by the Civil Service Commission and several other interested organizations as a distinct forward step in industrial medicine generally.

GEN. SHEDD PRESENTS AWARD TO GEN. KING

Brigadier General Edgar King, USA, former Chief Surgeon of the Pacific Theater and present commanding officer of the medical section of the ASF training center at Fort Lewis, Wash., was formally presented with the Legion of Merit Medal by Major General Wm. E. Shedd, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, during the latter's recent visit to Fort Lewis. According to the citation General King received the award for directing and coordinating the organization, training and supply of medical units which participated in the successful operations in the Gilbert, Marshall and Marianas Islands. He had previously been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding work in caring for Pearl Harbor casualties.

General King is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, class of 1906.

NEUROPSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANTS CONFERENCE

Service Command Consultants in Neuropsychiatry met in conference at the Office of The Surgeon General this month (April 20 and 21) to discuss the latest information, plans and policies relating to their particular fields of activity. Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, delivered the opening address and Colonel William C. Henninger, MC, Chief Consultant in Neuropsychiatry to The Surgeon General, presided.

General subjects on the program included induction centers, hospitalization problems, reconditioning, clinical psychology, psychiatric social workers and assistants, mental hygiene consultation services, neurology, disciplinary barracks and rehabilitation centers, school of military neuropsychiatry, preventive psychiatry, personnel, nomenclature, redeployment, history, and public relations. The status of each general topic was briefly summarized and this was followed by group discussion and recommendations on specific phases.

In addition to the officers of the Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division and Advisors from the Office of The Surgeon General, the following attended:

Consultants in Neuropsychiatry from the Service Commands, including: Lt. Col. Wilfred Bloomberg, MC, First Service Command; Lt. Col. Douglas A. Thom, MC, Second Service Command; Lt. Col. Henry W. Brosin, MC, Third Service Command; Lt. Col. Paul Schroeder, MC, Fourth Service Command; Lt. Col. William H. Dunn, MC, Fifth Service Command; Col. William J. Bleckwenn, MC, Sixth Service Command; Lt. Col. Clarke H. Barnacle, MC, Seventh Service Command; Col. Franklin G. Ebaugh, MC, Eighth Service Command; and Lt. Col. Lauren H. Smith, MC, Ninth Service Command.

Civilian Consultants to The Surgeon General, including Dr. Alan Gregg, Dr. Edward A. Strocker, Dr. Arthur Ruggles and Dr. Frederick W. Parsons, Consultants in Psychiatry, and Dr. Edwin G. Zabriskie, Consultant in Neurology.

Moritorious Service Plaque Awarded

The 1777th Service Command Unit, Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa, has been awarded the Moritorious Service Unit Plaque, for "superior performance and devotion to the hospital duties performed during the last sixteen months."

POSTHUMOUS AWARD FOR MAJOR TREMELINE

Major Jay E. Tremaine, MC, who was killed in action September 7, 1944, when the Japanese ship on which he was a prisoner was torpedoed, has been awarded the Bronze Star posthumously.

His citation: "While at Lasang, Davao, Philippine Islands, he patiently and untiringly served American prisoners of war who were constantly in need of medical assistance. On board a prison ship, the men were crowded, starved and overheated, but his cheerful attitude and optimism encouraged them and inspired them with the will to survive . . . His courageous services in the face of almost unbearable conditions were an invaluable contribution to the welfare of his comrades."

Major Tremaine is survived by his widow, Mrs. Evelyn E. Tremaine, 49 Beacon Street, Florence, Massachusetts.

ERRATUM -- NEWS NOTES NO. 18, APRIL 15, 1945

NEW ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL. "Lieutenant Colonel Harold C. Lieth, MC," should read "Lieutenant Colonel Harold C. Lucht, MC, as representative for the Office of The Surgeon General to attend the meetings of the committee on Postwar Medical Planning of the American Medical Association."

Bedside Dentistry in Army Hospitals

A portable dental unit is being used in certain Army hospitals to assure bed-ridden patients more complete dental care and speed convalescence. Plans are now under way to standardize this unit for all Army general hospitals here. According to the Office of The Surgeon General this "dentist's office on wheels" carries equipment for a wide variety of dental operations from simple dental prophylaxis to treating fractured jaws and making complete new dentures.

A recent report on the portable dental unit at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., lists 363 dental treatments given in one month to bed patients there.

RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

MELVYN BERLIND, MC, Brooklyn, N.Y.
ROOSEVELT CAFARELLI, MC, Long Island City, N.Y.
EUGENE CHARLES EPPINGER, MC, Brookline, Mass.
ROBERT BURT FAUS, MC, Honolulu, T.H.
EDWIN GABRIEL FABER, MC, Tyler, Texas
CLYDE HAROLD FREDRICKSON, MC, Missoula, Montana
ROBERT TUTHILL GANTS, MC, Kansas City, Mo.
EDWIN MATTHEW GOYETTE, MC, Burlington, Vt.
LLOYD ETHAN GOULD, MC, Phoenix, Ariz.
GLADEN ROBERT HAMILTON, MC, Bentonville, Ark.
JAMES WILLIS HOWARD, MC, Augusta, Ga.
JOHNSON McGUIRE, MC, Cincinnati, Ohio
WALTER HENRICK MOURSUND, JR., MC, Dallas, Texas
JOHN ELBA OWEN, MC, Indianapolis, Ind.
THOMAS BLAIR PROTZMAN, MC, Englewood, N.J.
ELLIOTT STERLING ANDREW ROBINSON, MC, Newton Centre, Mass.
JOSEPH BEDFORD VANDER VEER, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.
SYDNEY WEINTRAUB, MC, Tappan, N.Y.

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

MAURICE JAMES ABRAMS, MC, Brewton, Ala.
ANTHONY JAMES ALLEGRETTE, MC, Cheyenne, Wyo.
FRANKLIN IRVIN BALL, MC, Los Angeles, Calif.
PHILIP NORMAN BAXTER, MC, Oakland, Calif.
WENDELL EUGENE BEALL, MC, Pearsall, Texas
JACKSON DELOS BEATTY, MC, Morris, Ill.
GILBERT MONROE BECK, MC, Buffalo, N.Y.
TRUMAN GRAVES BLACKER, JR., MC, Galveston, Texas
JOHN WILLIAM BUSHNELL, MC, Elk Point, S. Dak.
JOHN VAN EMAN BERGES, MC, Portage, Wisc.
EMIL HERMAN BOLLWERK, DC, St. Louis, Mo.
ABE ALBERT BOLOTIN, MAC, Chicago, Ill.
DEM TRIS FORTUNE BOURASSA, DC, Seattle, Wash.
JOHN AXTELL GROVE, MC, Newton, Kansas
MADISON BALDWIN BROWN, MC, Burlington, Vt.
FREDERICK DODGE CHENEY, MC, Indianapolis, Ind.
MARTIN CHERKOSKY, MC
ERIC MAC MILLAN CHEW, MC, Mercer Is., Wash.
FRANK PHILIP COLEMAN, MC, Columbia, S.C.
WILFRID JOSEPH COMEAU, MC, Bangor, Maine
HENRY PERRINE COLMORE, MC, New York, N.Y.
DAVID MORROW COX, MC, Louisville, Ky.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE CRUCHETT, MC, San Francisco, Calif.
HERBERT HENRY DARLING, MC, San Francisco, Calif.
SAMUEL LATTA DIACK, MC, Portland, Ore.
HARRY JACOB DICK, MC, St. Louis, Mo.
ARTHUR ELMORE DIGGS, MC, Chicago, Ill.
WILLIAM HOWARD DARDEN, MC, Amiston, Ala.
HALBURT HALE EARP, MC, Catawsba, Pa.
JESSE EFREM EDWARDS, MC, Washington, D.C.
CHARLES HENRY ETHERIDGE, MC, Atlanta, Ga.
LE ROY MATTHEW FINK, DC, Edwardsville, Ill.
MORRIS FOGL, MC, Biloxi, Miss.
PHILIP SAMUEL FOISIE, MC, Milton, Mass.
PAUL JONES FOUTS, MC, Indianapolis, Ind.
FRANK EDGAR FOWLER, MC, Astoria, Ore.
HENRY MORGENTHAU FOX, MC, Baltimore, Md.
MOSES MICHAEL FROHLICK, MC, Ann Arbor, Mich.
ROBINSON CLARK FROST, DC, Manchester, N.H.
ROBERT ODELL GARVIN, MC, Pittsburgh, Pa.
ROBERT LEMLEY GARRARD, MC, Greensboro, N.C.
OTIS FRANKLIN GAY, MC, Greenville, Ala.
ELMER WILHELM GILBERT, MC, Alhambra, Calif.
EDWARD ALFRED GRECO, MC, Portland, Me.
GEORGE FRANCIS GREEN, MC, South Bend, Ind.
LUCIEN ANTHONY GREGG, MC, Sharpsburg, Pa.
FAYETTE GILLIS HALL, DC, Vinton, Iowa

(RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS, Continued)

PAUL VICTOR HAMILTON, MC, Cincinnati, Ohio
EDWARD ALEXANDER HANNA, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.
WILLIAM HAURD HARGIS, JR., MC, San Antonio, Tex.
LOYD HARLAND HUPP, DC, North Canton, Ohio
WILLIAM CHILES HUTCHESON, MC, New York, N.Y.
MARVIN PIERCE KNIGHT, MC, Dallas, Texas
CARLETON WALTER LEVERENZ, MC, Elgin, Ill.
LEWIS CLARENCE MANGES, JR., MC, Philadelphia, Pa.
AUGUSTUS McCRAVEY, MC, Chattanooga, Tenn.
JOHN OSBOURNE McNEEL, MC, Charlottesville, Va.
JOHN JACOB MOHRMAN, MC, Salida, Colo.
CHARLES ETHAN REA, MC, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
GEORGE PLAIN, MC, Aurora, Ill.
CLARENCE WILLIAM REUTER, MC, Bay City, Mich.
RICHARD SCHATZKI, MC, Belmont, Mass.
MAURICE ARTHUR SCHETKER, MC,
HALL IVAN SIPPY, MC, Lagrange, Ill.
CLIFTON PERRY TALLEY, MAC, Norman, Okla.
PRESTON SIMPSON TROUSDALE, MC, Florence, Ala.
WILLARD HARRY WATEROUS, MC, Manila, P.I.
HAROLD WOLFSON, MC, Kingsly, Iowa.

PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

FRANCIS C. LITTLE, MAC, of Washington, D.C., International Division, Supply Service.

Captain to Major

HOWARD A. BLISS, SnC, of Baldwin, N.Y., Technical Division, Operations Service.

GUY C. HILL, MAC, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mobilization & Overseas Operations Division

First Lieutenant to Captain

ALAN B. HUELLMANTEL, MAC, of Traverse City, Mich., Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

JOHN R. MONNINGER, MAC, of San Bernardino, Calif., Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

EDWARD R. TAYLOR, JAGD, of St. Albans, N.Y., Legal Division.

DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL JOHN C. FITZPATRICK, MC, of Fargo, N.D., Medical Regulating Unit, Operations Service, assigned to 235th Hospital Ship Complement, Camp Kilmer, N.J.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN J. PELOSI, MC, of Norwood, R.I., Supply Service, assigned to Army Medical Purchasing Office, New York, N.Y.

MAJOR JOSEPH C. ELLIS, MAC, of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Control Division, reverting to inactive status.

MAJOR ALDEAN S. INGRAM, MC, of Decatur, Ga., Civil Public Health Division, Preventive Medicine Service, assigned overseas.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL DURWARD G. HALL, MC, Chief, Personnel Service.

COLONEL SAMUEL E. STUART, MC, Chief, Medical Regulating Unit, Hospital Division, Operations Service.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LAMAR C. BEVIL, MC, as Deputy Director, Mobilization and Overseas Operations Division, Operations Service.

COL. WALKER TALKS ON HEALTH ADVANCES

Lieutenant Colonel Douglass W. Walker, MC, Executive Officer of the Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, addressed the Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America at their meeting this month (April 13) at Washington, D.C., on the subject of "Public Health Advances By the Army During the War."

In 1940, he stated a special Army Public Health organization was formed in the Office of The Surgeon General which was later enlarged and expanded into the present Preventive Medicine Service which has as its objective the prevention and control of infectious diseases and the elimination of sanitary, occupational and other health hazards. He cited specific instances in advances in the field of military preventive medicine achieved through the development of effective immunizing agents, sanitary procedures, foreign quarantine policy, chemoprophylaxis, now insecticides, and repellents and health education of troops. Quoting from a recent paper by Brigadier General James S. Simmons, U.S.A., Chief of the Preventive Medicine Service, he stressed the fact that these advances, while primarily concerned with the health of the Army, will exert a profound influence on the health of the post-war civilian population.

Colonel Walker's paper will be published in full in the combined proceedings of the 1944 and 1945 Conferences of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America.

Colonel DeBakey Returns from Overseas

Lieutenant Colonel Michael E. DeBakey, MC, Chief of the General Surgery Branch, Surgical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, returned this month from an overseas observation tour which included Italy, France, Germany, and England. He found surgical facilities excellent, he said, and the highest type of surgery being performed.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROY H. TURNER PROMOTED

Lieutenant Colonel Roy H. Turner, MC, Chief of the Communicable Disease Treatment Branch, Medical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, and a member of the Army Medical Research Board, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel.

Colonel Turner, whose work in the field of internal medicine is nationally recognized, is at present on leave from Tulane University, New Orleans, La., where he has been Associate Professor of Medicine since 1935 and a member of the medical faculty since 1928.

His first Army assignment was at Camp Polk, La., as head of a group of medical officers engaged in the clinical investigation of epidemic jaundice. He then served successively as Chief of the Medical Service of the 24th General Hospital, Tulane University Medical School affiliated unit, Fort Benning, Ga.; Chief of the Medical Service of Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.; and Medical Consultant of the 3rd Service Command, Baltimore, Md.

He was graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., in 1920 with the degree of B. S. and received his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md., in 1924.